

news & notes

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Park at museum, ride to Dayton Air Show

Visitors are encouraged to park at the museum and ride the Miami Valley RTA bus to the Dayton Air Show on July 29-30. Continuous service runs from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. A round-trip ticket costs \$3, and children under age 6 ride free.

The museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days. More information about the Dayton Air Show is available at <http://www.daytonairshow.com>.



Final days for 'Disney Pins on Wings' exhibit

This summer is your final chance to see "Disney Pins on Wings," the museum's temporary exhibition of more than 50 examples of World War II insignia.

Located in the museum's Hall of Honor, the exhibit showcases original Walt Disney Productions insignia designs as well as selected examples of Disney-influenced materials from the museum's own collection.

Museum announces gallery expansion plans

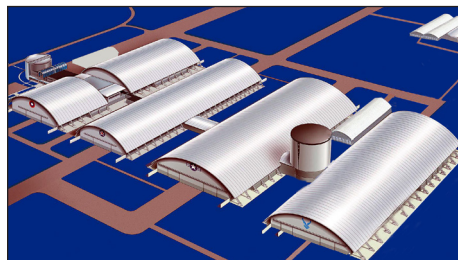
The National Museum of the United States Air Force is in the midst of a long-term, multi-phase expansion project, with attention focused on building an expanded Space Gallery.

The proposed \$15 million, 55,000 square foot, climate-controlled gallery will be devoted to portraying the Air Force's past, present and future in space.

Several major artifacts are planned, including a Titan IV rocket, Mercury, Gemini and Apollo spacecraft, and a range of other rockets, satellites and booster systems.

The Space Gallery will be followed by a new Presidential Aircraft Interpretive Center, which will

enable the museum to move its presidential aircraft collection from the secure portion of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base where it is currently located.



Artist's rendering of the proposed expansion of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Other future plans call for a new Education Center, a Collection Management and Conservation facility, an additional museum entrance, more parking and

improved access from the interstate highway system.

Fund raising for these projects continues. For information or to become a "Friend of the Museum," visit www.afmuseum.com or contact the Air Force Museum Foundation at (937) 258-1225.

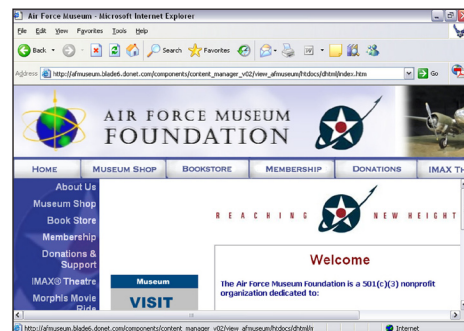
Museum, Foundation launch new Web sites

The museum and the Air Force Museum Foundation are getting a new look online.

Both sites are undergoing changes. The foundation launched their redesigned site in June. Available at www.afmuseum.com, the site features an expanded shopping

section, information on the IMAX Theatre and other improvements.

The museum's new site, www.nationalmuseum.af.mil, should be launched by the end of July. It will feature easy-to-navigate links to museum news, photos, research information and more.



now showing

Summer show schedule for IMAX® Theatre

Schedule good June 3 through Sept. 3, 2006. For more information, visit www.afmuseum.com.

Straight Up: Helicopters in Action: Shown at 11 a.m. daily.

Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag: Shown at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

The Magic of Flight: Shown at 1 p.m. daily.

Space Station: Shown at 3 p.m. daily.

Volcanoes of the Deep Sea: Shown at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. daily.

Cosmic Voyage: Shown at 6 p.m. daily.

on the radar

Through August • “Disney Pins on Wings” art exhibit

July 7, 14, 21, 28 • Behind the Scenes Tours

July 15 • Family Day

July 29-30 • Dayton Air Show

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 • Behind the Scenes Tours

Aug. 19 • Family Day

Sept. 1-3 • Radio-Controlled Model Aircraft Air Show

For a complete list of museum events, please visit <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/pa/06events.pdf>

Museum seeking building monitors, upholsterer

Join more than 400 volunteers as they help operate the world's oldest and largest military aviation museum.

The museum is now seeking building monitors to operate the 8th Air Force Control Tower, Nissen Hut and Presidential and Research & Development Galleries. Volunteer monitors will provide surveillance, assist visitors and interpret the artifacts. Volunteers are asked to work two four-hour work shifts each month. For more information, contact Bonnie Holtmann at (937) 255-8099, ext. 313, or at bonnie.holtmann@wpafb.af.mil.

The Restoration Division needs an experienced upholsterer to sew

cockpit seat cushions. A volunteer is needed one full day per week and will perform in the shop hangars. For more information, contact Roger Deere at (937) 255-6905, ext. 220.



Volunteers help the museum operate on a daily basis. In this photograph, a gallery monitor points out an aircraft in the Modern Flight Gallery. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Plan your next military reunion at the museum

When deciding where to have your next reunion, consider bringing your group to the National Museum of the United States Air Force.



The American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor pose in front of the museum's Seversky P-35A during their reunion in 2005. (U.S. Air Force photo by Jeff Fisher)

The museum is a self-touring facility, and reunion groups from all military services can tour aircraft and exhibits presented in chronological order, from the first military flyer to the B-2 stealth bomber. Groups can see aircraft that flew during their time of service and may even stop to pose for a picture in front of their favorite military aircraft.

For more information or to see a list of upcoming reunions, please visit <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/pa/reunions.htm>.

To request an information packet for your next reunion, please call (937) 255-8046, ext. 371.

Behind the Scenes tour registration to open Aug. 1

Registration for the fall Behind the Scenes tours of the museum's restoration area opens Aug. 1. These free guided tours are offered at 12:15 p.m. each Friday throughout the summer. Interested individuals must register in advance by calling (937) 255-3286, ext. 302 or 303.

